amenities in slums located on Central Government lands till 31-3-91. A World Bank assisted project called the Bombay Urban Development Project is also under implementation in Bombay and an allocation of Rs. 23.74 crores has been made in the said project for slum upgradation against which the State Government has reported an expenditure of Rs. 5.17 crores upto January, 1992. A special grant of Rs. 100 crores was also announced in 1985 by the then Prime Minister to the Government of Maharashtra for solving the acute problems of slums and housing in Bombay. So far Rs 10 crores have been released by the Central Government to the Government of Maharashtra in pursuance of this announcement which includes Rs. 22 crores for slum upgradation, Further, on the recommendation of the 9th Finance Commission, the Ministry of Finance approved a special grant-in-aid of Rs. 50 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for slum clearance, environmental improvement of slums and provision of basic amenities in Bombay. The State Government is required to contribute an equal share. The Finance Ministry has released an amount of Rs. 48.83 crores till date against the said grant.

(d) to (f) The Government of Maharashtra has asked the Central Government for issuance of no objection certificate for providing civic amenities in 113 slums situated on Central Government lands in Bombay. The present policy of the Central Government is that the State Government may provide at its own cost basic amenities on Central Government lands excluding slums at either side of the runway at Bombay airport which cause bird menace, hutments within 30 ft. of the railway tracks, Defence lands where vital instalations are to be located and lands which are not required by the land owning departments for their immediate use after securing a no objection certificate from the concerned Central departments. On the basis of the aforementioned policy the decision regarding the issuance of a no objection certificate is to be taken by each of the Central Departments concerned.

Planning commission's approval for investment on N.C.R.

4267. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has approved any investment proposals for housing, Urban Development, water supply and public works etc. for the National Capital Region for the next financial year; if so, what are the details; and

(b) whether the Eighth Five Year Plan allocated for N.C.R. for these items have been finalised; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Planning Commission has made provisions of Rs. 10 crores as contribution to National Capital Region Planning Board for the financial year 1992-93. This does not include provision made by Central Ministries, State Governments and UT of Delhi associated with the National Capital Region.

(b) Eighth Five Year Plan allocation for NCR have not yet been finalised.

Fire in Vigyan Bhavan

4268. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vigyan Bhavan, which was gutted in a fire about two years ago and is under repairs, has again caught fire recently;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the incident; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?